

REMARKS

Claim 1 is provisionally rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as claiming the same invention as claim 1 of application Serial No. 11/288,355 (hereinafter "US '355").

Applicants note that the claims of US '355 are being amended and that claim 1, following the amendments, will be rewritten as two independent claims, one combining the limitations of claims 1 and 2 and the other combining the limitations of claims 1 and 4.

The amendments to the claims of US '355 render the instant "same invention" double patenting rejection moot and removal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim 1 and claims 2, 5 to 9 and 15 to 18 of the present application are rejected on the basis of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting ("ODP") over claims 1 and 5 to 11 of US '355.

The amendments to the claims of US '355 also render the instant "ODP" rejection moot and removal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

The foregoing is believed to be a complete and proper response to the Office Action dated March 17, 2008, and is believed to place this application in condition for allowance. If, however, minor issues remain that can be resolved by means of a telephone

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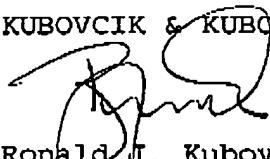
interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

In the event that this paper is not considered to be timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to Deposit Account No. 111833.

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